

Dedication to Boy Scouts, support of family members contribute to active life, fitness for Fluor Hanford's Killand

This is the first in a series of articles that will accompany the "Make your Move" program and feature Hanford workers who are physically active.

There are a few trends that seem to run through Brian Killand's family: a working history at Hanford, dedication to the Boy Scouts of America, support of family members and a commitment to personal development through physical activity.

Killand, the Fluor Hanford point of contact for Nuclear Safety Training, provides oversight for radiation worker, radiological control technician and criticality safety training. He has been at Hanford for 20 years — 19 years in the training department. Killand is a third-generation Hanford worker. His father worked as a radiological control manager and his grandfather worked in construction, helping build the Hanford Engineer Works in the 1940s and 1950s.

The Killand family also has a tradition of dedication to the Boy Scouts of America. Killand's son, Erik, a junior at Southridge High School, has completed his Eagle Scout project and attended the World Jamboree in Thailand this past January.

Killand is an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 179 and he grew up as a Boy Scout, joining as a Cub Scout, earning his Eagle Scout rank and serving as a youth leader until he left the area to attend college. His father and grandfather also served as scoutmasters. Killand rejoined the organization when his son became a Cub Scout.

Being involved in his son's and his daughter Kirsten's activities has always been a priority. "Work is great, but my day actually 'begins' after I leave my office," Killand said.

In addition to the Boy Scouts, he has coached soccer and baseball teams for Erik and Kirsten when they were in elementary and middle schools. Kirsten is now a freshman at Southridge. Killand and his wife, Kathy, often find themselves driving their children to weekend soccer matches throughout the Northwest. The support and attention have helped develop their children's athletic talent.

Erik and Kirsten play on Southridge soccer teams and are also members of Washington Youth Soccer Association teams.

Pursuing a personal interest, Killand began practicing karate 13 years ago. He earned his black belt in the Go Ju Ryu style three years ago, and helps teach the children's and adults' classes. "I am learning as much in the teaching role as I do when I am the student in karate classes," Killand said.

So what happens when the kids leave home? "It'll be interesting...I plan to stay with the Scouts and I will spend more time on the karate," Killand said.

But don't count on him slowing down. ■



Brian Killand on the move as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 179.